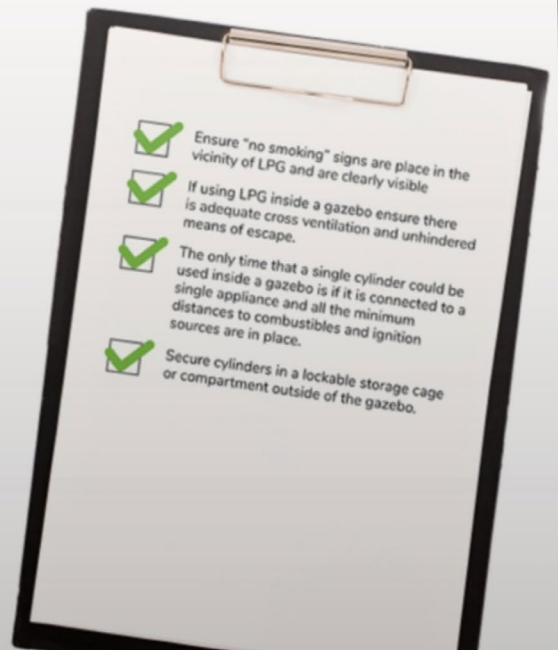


Summary – Safe Siting of Cylinders



The importance of LPG Gas Safety training

There is no substitute when it comes to LPG safety than being effectively trained. LPG and catering have been synonymous terms for decades, but in terms of the safe use of LPG there is still a long way to go. Promoting better safety standards relating to LPG usage has become a priority for NCASS, which is why we've set up our own LPG Gas Safety Initiative.

NCASS offer our own LPG Gas Safety training course, that takes into account all of the tangible and potentially threatening situations the usage of LPG can bring about. For many mobile and outdoor event caterers, LPG is the main source of power used for cooking and heating. Making sure that LPG is stored and used safely is vital.

This course is essential for anyone working with or assessing the suitability of mobile LPG setups. It outlines the key safety rules for using LPG appliances and provides an understanding of handling LPG cylinders in any scenario or environment.

Great attention to detail is key when working with LPG to ensure that such usage is not going to result in an incident – when handled without care, the potential ramifications for LPG misuse can be fatal. The question instead of asking why to focus on learning more about correct and safe usage of LPG should be can you afford to risk operating with an accident waiting to happen?

Demand has increased for helpful materials that educate on the topic of LPG and there is a greater push across the sector to operate within a remit of

safer standards for all involved. There is no better time to get ahead of the curve and upskill your LPG knowledge.

The specific and tailored information available in the course we have produced facilitates exactly that.

Key highlights of the course include:

- Comprehensive safety guidelines
- The science behind the safety
- Proper handling and storage techniques including the transportation and siting of cylinders
- Emergency preparedness including fire reduction measures and firefighting equipment

Alongside taking a training course to really level up your LPG safety knowledge, we have a raft of resources that will serve to benefit you on this topic and supplement what you learn from the training course.

These include our [Essential Safety Kit](#) which walks you through the necessary items and equipment to use when dealing with LPG, also our [Quick Guide to Cylinders](#) that presents a comprehensive assortment of do's and don'ts when working with gas cylinders.

Focusing on the usage of LPG means a solid understanding of how it is used, and what for. Insightful information regarding the usage of LPG can be found in this [Quick Guide to LPG Appliances](#), that runs through some significant context and information equipping you with the knowhow to ensure the appliances you use are safe and fit for purpose.

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The ideal outdoor location for trading should be flat/level, have hard standing firm ground and allow for adequate distancing all around the trading unit from street furniture, accumulations, vegetation and other business units and their equipment. There are numerous variables at every trading site, therefore there are key things that should be checked before commencing LPG use.



One essential pillar to the correct and safe use of all LPG appliances is to execute the necessary maintenance and upkeep they require. Our [Quick Guide to Maintenance and Servicing](#) points you towards rudimentary checks that should be carried out and ways to inspect your appliances, so you can rest assured they are up to the job and will not become a working hazard for you.

One thing all of these guides have in common, is they are geared towards implementing best practice when utilising LPG gas solutions. Combined, they cover a lot of important ground and serve to underline just how important the safe use of LPG in catering is and why we should pay due attention to it.

After reading through the provided guides, if you feel the need to upskill your LPG knowledge we cannot recommend the NCASS training course enough. It will instil you with a confidence in your knowledge and

provide peace of mind about applying best practices for the usage of LPG.

We recognise that in order to drive standards across the industry, it is not just caterers and independent businesses we need to appeal to, but also event organisers, local authorities and EHOs. One of the issues surrounding LPG usage is the confusion that can arise with each party having different understandings and definitions, therefore creating something of an impasse and variables sources of truth as opposed to one universal source that all can borrow from.

We recently submitted a Freedom of Information request to local authorities across the UK which revealed that only 31% of local authorities have undertaken mobile LPG training in the last five years. This stat highlights the extent of the problem and stress the necessity of increasing LPG usage best practice standards.

To this end, we have been busy engaged in a project delivering LPG training workshops to Environmental Health Officers up and down the country in attempt to bridge the proverbial gap.

We have worked with relevant and reputed collaborators when putting together both our catering training course and the EHO focused workshops to make sure all information delivered is accurate, current and that the source of information is the same. Therefore aiming to equip NCASS members and EHOs with the same foundation knowledge and arrive on the same page.

These efforts further emphasise just how important it is for NCASS members and aspiring caterers in the sector to take our LPG training course so you can best exemplify your commitment to operating in a safe and compliant manner and demonstrate excellence. Another key component of the NCASS drive to increase standards around LPG gas safety is the Gas Engineer Partnerships we have curated. These put all NCASS members in touch with qualified and reputable gas engineers close to them, ensuring the standard of work being carried out meets requirements, therefore increasing the standards NCASS members are operating at.

For all NCASS members, there is no excuse when it comes to poor and unsafe usage of LPG. Instead we can collectively strive for universal and sustainable improvement amidst independent hospitality and be the change that we need to see.



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